

REMARKS

In this response to the final Office Action dated April 12, 2011, Applicants have amended Claims 27 and 37. No new matter is added in these amendments. Claims 21, 26-30, 32, 33 and 35-37 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 21, 26, 28-30, 32, 33, 35 and 36 are allowable. Claim 37 was rejected for lacking a period at the end of the claim. This informality has been corrected as set forth above, and accordingly immediate allowance of this claim is also requested.

Rejection of Claim 37 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph

Claim 27 remained rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, allegedly as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. With regard to this rejection, the Examiner suggested replacing the term "ELISA" with "enzyme-linked immunoassay" or other variation thereof.

While Applicants do not necessarily agree with the foregoing rejection, solely to expedite the prosecution of the application, Claim 27 has been amended according to the Examiner's suggestion.

In view of the amendment, Claim 27 is believed to be in condition for allowance, and thus withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not

reasonably infer that Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance, and accordingly prompt issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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